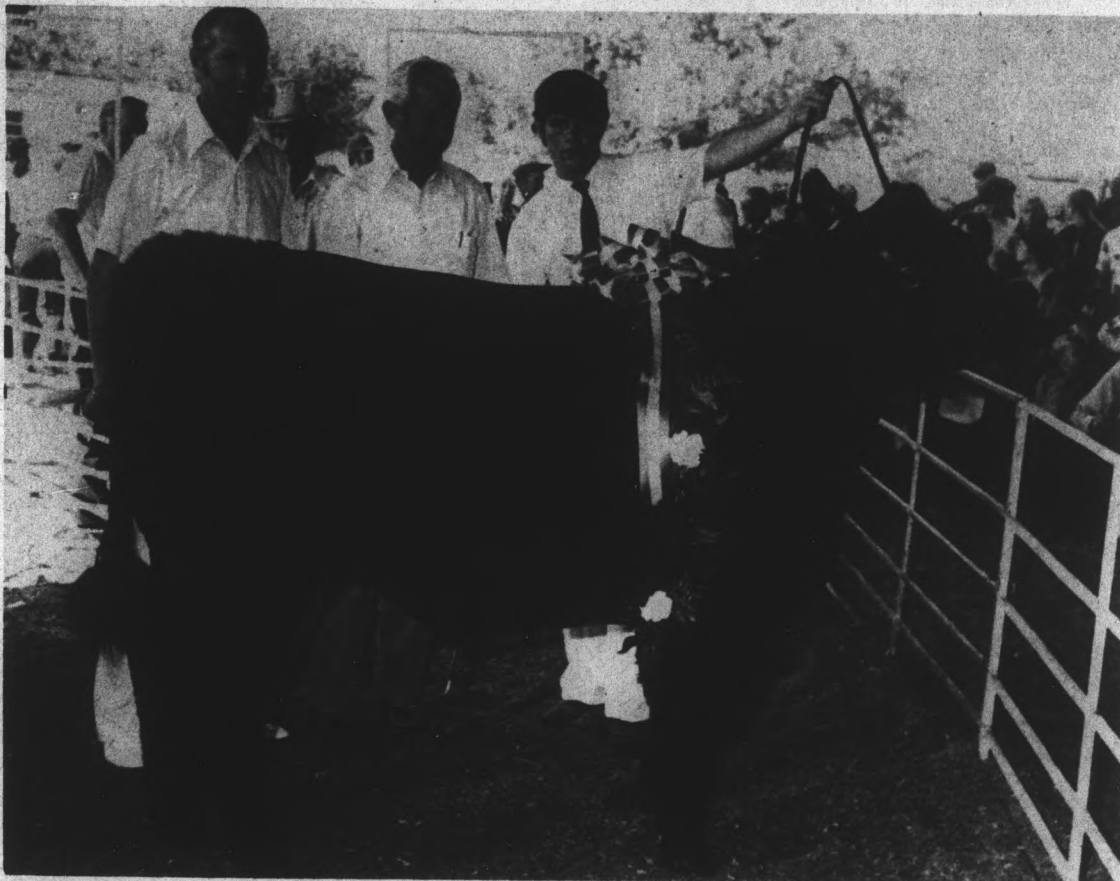


55th Tulare County Fair Closes On Successful Note



LOCAL WINNERS in livestock judging at Tulare County fair this year included Bryan Borrer, Porterville FFA, top, with FFA champion and show grand champion steer; Joe Calder, Prairie Center 4-H, center, with show reserve grand champion lamb; and bottom left, Katherine Moench, Vandalia 4-H, with 4-H reserve champion and show grand reserve champion swine.

(Farm Tribune photos)

ATTENDANCE, LIVESTOCK SALE SHOW INCREASES

TULARE — The 55th Tulare County Fair closed its gates for the final time Sunday evening with a record of "upped" attendance, a very successful livestock auction, and lots of happy exhibitors with plenty of ribbons and trophies to show for their efforts.

Fair officials said the total attendance at the fair this year was 135,863 persons covering the six day run, up 3,790 over last year's attendance mark.

On the fat stock auction side of the activity held Saturday, the sale totaled \$125,582, almost \$4,000 more than last year's sale.

A total of 65 head of beef in the sale brought \$44,332.66 for an average price of 64 cents per pound, while 143 swine sold for a total of \$24,437.15 to reach an average of 74 cents per pound. Lambs sold through the sale numbered 369 for a total price of \$56,813.05 or an average of \$1.45 per pound.

Last year's sale saw beef going at an average 68.4 cents per pound, swine for 95 cents per pound, and lambs at \$1.28 per pound.

4-Hers Ready Chuckwagon Breakfast

PORTERVILLE — Members and leaders of 4-H clubs in the local area will climb out of bed early Saturday morning, Oct. 2, to host the annual 4-H club Chuckwagon breakfast set from 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Smith's Town Square parking lot, D north of Olive Street.

Youthful 4-H members are scurrying about selling last minute tickets and leaders are gathering and preparing to set up all the paraphernalia and food that will be required to stage the annual fund raising event.

The breakfast, priced at \$1.25 per person on prior ticket sale and \$1.50 per plate at the event, will feature hotcakes and syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice, milk, coffee, and other trimmings.

Entertainment will also be provided during the event with 4-Hers showing off their various talents. It is also rumored that continuation of the annual hog-calling contest may be a part of the activity with some startling action.

Funds derived from the activity help support 4-H club programs during the coming year. All local citizens are urged to attend.

State Legislative Units To Hold Drought Hearings

SACRAMENTO — The assembly water committee and the senate agriculture and water resources committee will hold a joint hearing on "The California Drought." The hearing will be Tuesday and Wednesday, October 19-20, in Visalia.

The hearing will explore this year's water situation and the prospects for next year. A principal objective of the hearing will be to evaluate programs

which can be instituted in case next year is a dry year.

Governmental agencies and the public are invited to attend and to present their concerns and suggestions. In order to prepare the agenda, those persons who wish to testify should inform the assembly water committee.

Persons wishing more information may contact Clyde

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The grand champion steer owned, shown, and sold by Bryan Borrer of Porterville FFA, brought a price of \$1,132.40 at 95 cents per pound and was purchased by the Tulare Golf Course and Restaurant.

The reserve grand champion steer exhibited by Eugene Karnes of Palo Verde 4-H sold for 85 cents per pound to Morris Levin and Son of Tulare, while

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City Manager Ed Valliere Quits Nov. 1

PORTERVILLE — The hubbub at city hall may be quieting down with the announcement late last week by Ed Valliere, city manager, that he is resigning effective Nov. 1, to take a position as city manager of Lynwood in Los Angeles county.

As a result of Valliere's announcement, city firemen in turn announced that they would drop a recall action which they were initiating against Valliere's wife, Betty, who sits as a city council member. Firemen claimed a possible conflict of interest in the relationship of the husband as city manager and the wife on the city council.

Mrs. Valliere, in the meantime, responded to the firemen's charges as a "smokescreen" to cover up a labor dispute between the city manager's office and the fire fighters union. She claimed there is no possibility of a conflict of interest since her sole obligation in carrying out her council duties is to her constituents.

Prior to the Firemen's action, Valliere and the city council came under fire by irate citizens and the local policemen's group over an order to take shotguns out of police car cabs and put them in the trunks.

The action was later reversed but it has drawn attention from several concerned citizen elements to the city government and administration and apparent low morale among city employee units.

Valliere said he would be leaving the first of November but his wife should stay in Porterville until a local business she is involved in and their home are sold.

Valliere has been city manager of Porterville more than seven years. His wife was elected to the city council last year. She is the former Betty Ferguson.

The couple were married only recently and both retained their positions in local city government.

Football

The Porterville Panther football team will meet the Hanford Bulldogs at 8 p.m. Friday in Jamison Stadium while the Monache Marauders travel to Bakersfield to take on the Highland high school grid unit. Porterville College Pirates will have a bye this week to nurse their wounds from the defeat at the hands of Cal Poly JV last weekend.

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River Cleanup Project Slated

PORTERVILLE — The Tule River cleanup originally planned for Saturday, Sept. 11, and rained out, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2.

Volunteers should meet at the U.S. Forest Service, Springville office, near River Island Golf Course at 9 a.m. They will clean trash along the Tule River above Coffee Camp. Porterville Area Environmental Council members and others interested in cleaning this area will work under the direction of Forester John Redd as part of a larger program initiated by the Forest Service to utilize volunteer labor to enhance the forest.

All volunteers, either groups or individuals, are welcome.

Farm Bureau Young Farmers, Ranchers To Meet Candidates

VISALIA — Tulare County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers will host Rose Vuich of Dinuba, and Assemblyman Ernest Mobley of Fresno, candidates for the 15th senatorial district seat, in a candidates night at 7:30 p.m. today at the Farm Bureau Assembly Hall, 737 North Ben Maddox Way, Visalia.

Congressman Speaks Out Against Proposition 14

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Warning of "severe consequences to growers," Congressman Bill Ketchum stated his opposition to Proposition 14, the initiative sponsored by the United Farm Workers appearing on the November ballot.

"All changes made by Prop. 14 are extremely harmful to growers," Ketchum stated. "Of particular concern to me is the serious invasion of workers' privacy and personal rights. If the initiative succeeds, employers have no choice but to provide union organizers with complete lists of all employees. The workers don't even have to indicate interest in the union!"

Gins Allowed To Burn Trash In Open Fires

SACRAMENTO — Cotton gin trash may be burned in open outdoor fires for two years until the industry perfects alternate disposal methods under the provisions of a bill recently signed into law.

Cotton ginners in California were facing a crisis about what to do with the wastes of the ginning procedure. Many methods other than burning were investigated and rejected either because of high cost or impracticality.

The legislation gives the industry sufficient time to develop the means to economically dispose of the trash.

One of those methods that shows great promise is an incinerator-heat exchanger device that will allow safe burning of the trash without polluting the air and at the same time reducing the gins' dependence on natural gas and petroleum products for heat used in ginning.

The bill also provides that ginners will pay a 15 cent per bale fee to offset research and development costs for the new technology that will be required to put the new devices into widespread use.

Assemblyman Ernest Mobley, author of the bill, pointed out that the legislation would place no added costs on the taxpayers and would have economical and environmental benefits to the state over the long run.

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Ketchum declared his vehement opposition to the proposition "as a legislator. The people elect representatives to act on their behalf to levy and decide the expenditure of revenues. Proposition 14 locks into law a mandatory funding provision, totally alien to our legislative process, and equally without responsibility. Only through costly referendum can the law be altered, and regardless of the effectiveness of the law or its administrators, this agency will be handed 'blank-check' financing. Not only is this a slap in the face to the people and their tax dollars - it could very well be the beginning of the end of our legislative appropriations process."

The Congressman also pointed out the powerful impacts of the controversial access rule. "Under prop. 14, this becomes a permanent provision of the law. Growers will be forced to permit union organizers on their property, unrestricted, for three working hours daily."

"I strongly urge a 'No' vote on prop. 14. To do otherwise is simply to guarantee an end to the freedom of both growers and workers; to bring about financial ruin, and worst of all to override the legislative funding process upon which our form of government is built," Ketchum concluded.

Golden Hills 4-H Holds Meeting To Start Year

SPRINGVILLE — Golden Hills 4-H club held its first meeting of the year at Springville Memorial building with Debbie Morris, president, presiding.

After the flag salute and pledge led by Susie Ash, Cheryl Bodley, Ronnie Fleeman and Dean Morris, reports on summer activities were heard including a report on the group attendance at the Muscular Dystrophy telethon show at TV station KERO at which president Debbie Morris presented a \$153 check from the club to the fund drive.

Other reports on summer activities were presented by Barbara Bodley, Twila Stevens, Nicki Murray, Cheryl Bodley, Rhonda Fleeman, and Debbie Morris.

Barbara Bodley talked on 4-H for the benefit of new members and also explained the annual 4-H Breakfast set Saturday morning, Oct. 2. Tickets to the event were distributed for sale by Golden Hills 4-H members.

The meeting closed with songs and refreshments.

Exeter Festival To Headline Jimmie Rodgers

EXETER — A week of activity starting Oct. 6, including a carnival, football games, arts and crafts shows, old timers reunion, a state championship cow chip throwing contest, dances, a parade, and other events in honor of the Exeter Fall Festival will culminate at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 10, at the Exeter high school football stadium, with a concert by singer Jimmie Rodgers.

Rodgers, incapacitated for almost a year by a near fatal accident, has resumed his career and has again risen to instant stardom with his talented voice, songs, and guitar accompaniment.

Rodgers has been a guest star on almost every TV show, sold over 30 million records, starred in two motion pictures, starred in more than a hundred SRO shows in foreign countries, and written a number of hit tunes.

He became almost an instant success with his recording of "Honeycomb" and followed it with million record sellers, "Kisses Sweeter Than Wine," and "Secretly."

Tickets to the big show are \$5 at the gate and \$4 if purchased prior to the show from several businesses in Exeter and Visalia.

The Exeter Fall Festival this year is themed on "The Best of the West," and also features a mule show at the Riata ranch in Exeter. Events calendars as to times and dates are available from Exeter merchants.

COLLEGE NAMES CAST OF PLAY

PORTERVILLE — Porterville College has selected a cast for its upcoming production of the comedy "Ring Round the Moon."

The cast includes David George, Richard Lindroos, Karen Nichols, Alan Litsey, Jean Flippen, Joy Canvasser, Christine Jordan, Brad Rogers, Tim Sherrill, Joni Mitchell, and Karla Rickels.

"Ring Round the Moon," written by John Anouilh, is a romantic and satirical comedy involving twin brothers and their several loves.

It will be presented Oct. 8-9 and 15-16 at the PC Theater.

Reagans To Attend Ketchum Reception

BAKERSFIELD — Former California Governor Ronald Reagan will be guest of honor at a reception honoring 18th District Congressman William M. Ketchum and Mrs. Ketchum from 6 to 9 p.m.

October 5, at the Hilton Inn in Bakersfield, according to Ketchum's campaign chairman Ken Vetter. Tickets are \$12.50 per person and are available from Hilton and Rodeway Inn coffee shops or at Ketchum Campaign Headquarters, 1511 - 19th Street, Bakersfield (phone 327-5529).

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State Senator Describes Price Of Life In State

By H.L. "Bill" Richardson
State Senator (R-Arcadia)

The future looked bright to young Ian Shuttleton in 1962. The year before he had taken a job with a Long Beach trucking firm as a billing clerk. In just one short year he had risen to the position of chief cost accountant. Now he was looking forward to a much-needed and well-deserved vacation with his lovely wife Valerie Jean and their infant daughter, Keri.

The Shuttletons were on their way to Stockton after visiting relatives in Concord. It was getting late, so they decided to pull their travel trailer onto the frontage road alongside Highway 99. They planned to spend the night there and continue the journey in the morning.

For Ian Shuttleton, 22, morning never came.

Shortly before midnight, the family was awakened by a knock at the door of their compact 12-foot vacation trailer. "Open up," came the cry from outside, "it's the law!"

Shuttleton, awakened by the commotion, got out of bed and stumbled to the door. As he undid the latch, two young men forced their way into the tiny trailer. Later, police would identify them as Bobby Lokey, 23, and his brother Galen, 20.

The Lokey brothers had spotted the trailer earlier in the evening and had gone to the home of their stepfather to get his .38 caliber revolver. When it was discovered that the bullets they had were too long for the pistol's cylinder, the brothers cut down the lead tips. This converted the bullets into "dum dums," which are far more deadly.

After forcing their way into the tiny 12-foot travel home, the Lokeys forced Ian Shuttleton to climb into the cramped closet which locked from the outside. Galen went forward to drive the car while Bobby remained in the trailer with Mrs. Shuttleton.

The Shuttletons only had \$47 but Valerie told Bobby Lokey he could have it. "We don't want your money," he replied as he began to paw the young woman. She continued to resist his repeated sexual advances until Lokey finally said, "what's it going to be, you or your husband?"

Valerie Shuttleton began to cry out to her husband for help. Lokey repeated his threat. Ian Shuttleton, hearing his wife's call for help, managed to break down the door of the closet and grab Lokey, pulling him away from Mrs. Shuttleton.

Bobby Lokey, gun in hand, wrestled with the young accountant and managed to fire a shot. The bullet passed through Lokey's shoulder and

into Shuttleton's abdomen. Ian Shuttleton slumped to the floor. Bobby then ran to the window and fired two shots to warn his brother Galen of trouble. When the brothers made their escape, Mrs. Shuttleton ran to the highway and flagged down help. Six hours later, young Ian Shuttleton would die in a Sacramento hospital.

Bobby and Galen Lokey were apprehended by police and charged with robbery, murder and kidnapping. Galen pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison. Bobby pled guilty to murder and kidnapping and was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole.

The guilty pleas were entered as part of a deal made with the judge to avoid a possible death sentence. Of course, life is cheap in California and ten years later Galen Lokey, sentenced to life in prison for first degree murder, walked out of San Quentin a free man.

Bobby Lokey, however, was sentenced to "life in prison without possibility of parole." Yet, on September 14, 1976, the Adult Authority heard for the fourth time Bobby Lokey's request that his sentence be commuted to just "life in prison," making him eligible for parole. A favorable decision, if approved by Governor Brown would virtually assure Bobby Lokey of immediate release.

But, what price do we place on human life in California?

What payment can serve as restitution for the life of a young husband murdered while defending his wife from attack? What price for kidnapping? What price for the pain and suffering of a 16-year-old girl who had to grow up without a father? Or a young bride whose husband was gunned down in the prime of life? What price?

The answer, my friend, is 14 years. Because on September 14th, the Adult Authority recommended that Governor Brown free Bobby Lokey.

GAME LAW VIOLATIONS BRING FINES

SACRAMENTO — The number of persons arrested for fish and game violations and the amount of money they paid in fines during the first six months this year both increased from the totals for the corresponding period last year.

The Department of Fish and Game reported that arrests for the period ending June 30, 1976, totaled 11,998, up from the 11,268 total for the first six months of 1975.

Fines levied by the courts during the first half of this year totaled \$395,053, whereas the total for the first six months of 1975 was \$355,306.

Arrests and fines for the first half of 1974 totaled 9,873 and \$330,150.

VANDALIA 4-H MEETS; ACTS ON FAIR CLEANUP

PORTERVILLE — The Vandalia 4-H Club held its first meeting of the 1976-77 year recently, presided over by Dennis Moench, club president.

All the members and parents introduced themselves so everyone could get acquainted.

Summer activities reports were presented by Luanne Graves, Carla Carter, and Paula Clark.

Dennis Moench gave a report on the officers meeting and plans for the coming year. The first activity was to help clean up the Porterville Fairgrounds before the Porterville Fair

Benefit Barbecue. It was classed as a community pride project.

Dwayne Milford reported on the 4-H Community Breakfast to be held Oct. 2. He told of the many different jobs and asked members to sign up and help.

The sign up for the Vandalia club was Sept. 2, but people interested in joining may contact Mrs. Peggy Milford, Community Leader.

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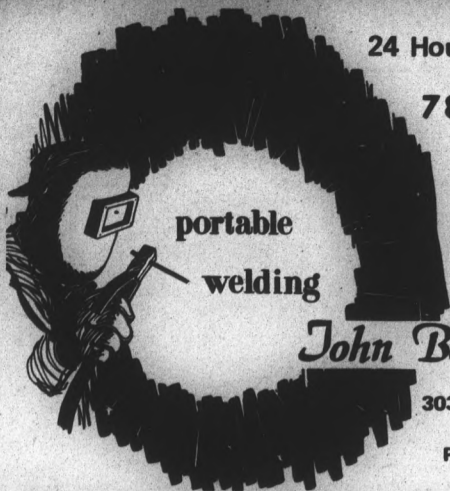
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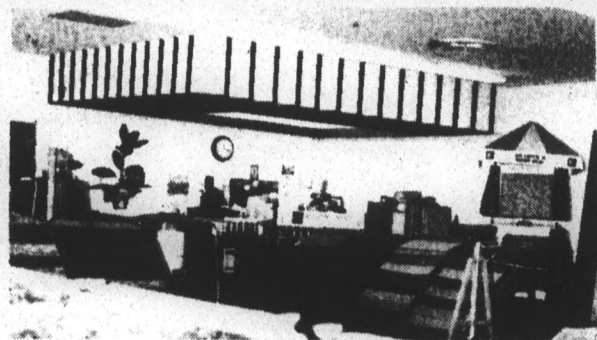
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Government Services Up, But Costs Up Accordingly

By Assemblyman Ernest Mobley

SACRAMENTO — The size of government has always been a bone of contention among students of political science.

There are those like Thomas Jefferson who say that the best government is that which governs least.

And there are others who say that the most responsive form of government is that which is the most accessible to the people governed.

The size of government in California has been growing over the past several years but the growth is at the level where it is supposed to be more responsive to the people-local special districts.

A recent report released by the state controller's office shows that there was an increase of 49 special districts during the 1974-75 fiscal year in California.

An encouraging factor in the report was that during the same time frame some 100 districts were dissolved. However, 149 others were created and more than took their place.

The report points out that reason for the increase is that these districts offer the greatest potential for developing new sources of income and increasing the public debt without requiring the direct approval of the voters.

The report further states that on the local level California now has 58 counties, 412 cities, 1,342 school districts and more than 4,650 local special service districts.

In the Fresno-Tulare-Kings-Kern county area, there are 533 of these special districts whose responsibilities range from air pollution control to community services to mosquito abatement to irrigation, among others.

In Fresno county there are

189 special districts. Tulare has 98; Kern, 178; and Kings, 68.

With this laundry list of districts, there are several types operating in other parts of the state that have not yet appeared in our area.

The types of districts showing the most pronounced growth are county service areas. The third largest category is maintenance districts. Both of these kinds of districts can offer a broad range of services and that probably accounts for their growth in popularity.

Fire protection districts, by the way, are the second largest category with 465 statewide.

The idea behind these special districts is to provide services the people want. However, with every service there is a cost and in the case of special districts that cost is manifested in the tax rate.

It is the intent of each of the segments of government to give the taxpayer what he pays for. If you believe you are not getting your money's worth, you should contact the governmental agency and tell its representatives of your dissatisfaction. That is one of the best ways to make government responsive.

Local Adults Win Awards In 4-H Programs

EXETER — Several local 4-H leaders and friends of 4-H were honored recently at a Tulare Hi 4-H sponsored "Barnyard Dinner" held at the Exeter Memorial building.

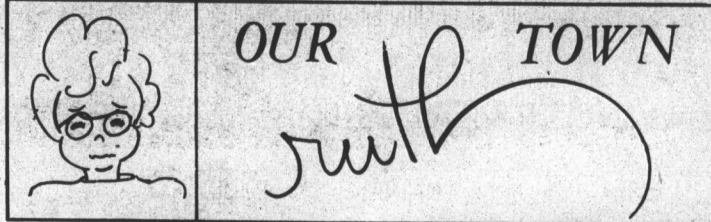
Receiving five year pins from local organizations were Hazel Clements, LaVerne Myers, Philip Samuelson, and Ossie Tsuboi of Lindsay; Sally Oxford and Cathy Veeman of Prairie Center; Elaine McFarlane, Rockford; Arthur Wardlaw, Success Valley; Emerson Leasure of Urbaneers; and Dolores Mahnke and Carol Land of Vandalia.

Earning 10 year pins were Pat Spuhler of Prairie Center, Mary Brazil of Lindsay; Miriam Fricke and Viva Jean Meier, Urbaneers; and Barbara Carter and Bill Bennett of Vandalia.

The 4-H alumni award for former 4-H members who have made contributions in community leadership and public service to 4-H and have succeeded in their chosen professions went to Rodney Homer of Porterville, an agricultural teacher at Porterville high school, and Donna Ferrell of Porterville, who has worked with the 4-H program for years and in the Tulare county horse program, earned this award.

Dr. Floyd Elliott of Porterville, earned a meritorious service award for his work in the veterinary science program.

Estha Mae Hinton of Terra Bella earned a "friend of 4-H" award for her work with 4-H in the news media.



My eyes were bigger than my talent. I saw this picture of a darling blouse on the front of the magazine, Woman's Day, and it looked as if it would be perfect for my daughter. It wasn't until I had arrived home that it dawned on me the blouse was crochet. I don't know how to crochet. I showed the picture to WAGONER, at Paul's Fine Fabrics, and she looked at me long and very hard. Making the idiot chain wasn't too hard, any idiot could do it, but my fingers wouldn't behave the next row, and WAGONER was watching me. I ripped it out three times, and it got dirtier and dirtier, and I was saying all kinds of naughty things under my breath. A lady watching me struggle finally said, "After you finish it, why don't you get some decent yarn, and do it right." This is how I met DOLORES SUTHERLAND, and at this point I wanted to break her leg. DOLORES is one of these people who can do anything she makes up her mind to do, and from what the other ladies say about her, she does everything very well. As a rule I can't stand people who do everything well, but I found out that DOLORES was charming, and she can't help doing things better than most people.

DOLORES has a cute book written by a man who specializes in building outhouses. The whole book tells of the various problems a builder has planning an outhouse. Where it is to be located for the best view. Which design is best. Slant roof, peaked, or no roof at all. Which design to put on the door. Diamond, star, crescent moon or plain square. There are lots of things to think about when one builds an outhouse, and I didn't know that.

Are you getting lots of catalogs lately in the mail? I wonder where they all get our names. I couldn't afford most of the things, but they are fun to look thru. I like the one from Gump's in The City. Even the cheapest thing looks so elegant. What Gump's thinks is cheap and what I think is cheap is very different.

This is the time of year to make gazpacho. It is a lot of bother, but certainly worth it.

JANET HOBBS WELCH SIVYER BERTNETT is in OUR TOWN for a visit, and if anyone can brighten the landscape it is JANET. If I ever was stranded on a desert island and had to pick someone to be with it would be JANET. There is one thing sure, there would never be a dull moment. There's another person with loads of talent. I would like to see an outhouse that JANET would design. Very far out!

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Valley Office Open To Oppose Prop. 14

FRESNO — Harry Kubo, president of Citizens For A Fair Farm Labor Law, announced the opening of the group's Central Valley headquarters at 1340 Van Ness Avenue in Fresno.

CFL, organized to oppose Proposition 14 on the November Ballot, has established five regional headquarters throughout the state.

Kubo stated that groups seeking speakers, individuals needing information on the proposition, or anyone interested in working as a volunteer, should contact the headquarters at (209) 486-3990.

132 HERDS ARE ON TEST

VISALIA — The Tulare County Dairy Herd Improvement association had 132 herds with a total of 54,672 cows on test during the month of July; average production was 1,435 pounds of milk and 53 pounds of butterfat for the month.

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LINDSAY MAN TO HEAD DISTRICT MANAGERS CLUB

LINDSAY — Keith Howden of Lindsay, has been elected president of the Central California District Exchange Managers Club, an organization of top management from the five Sunkist Growers sales agencies located in the San Joaquin valley.

Howden succeeds Ron Lawson of Visalia. He is manager of the Central California Citrus Exchange at Lindsay, and Lawson heads operations of the Visalia Fruit Exchange in Visalia.

Other officers elected are W.C. Orr, Tulare Kern Citrus Exchange at Terra Bella, vice-president, and Grant Kuechel, Mid-California Fruit Exchange, Visalia, secretary. The Tulare County Fruit Exchange at Porterville is the other member organization.

The club was organized in 1971 to coordinate activities of district exchanges in the Central California area of production. The five exchanges serve as selling arms for 27 Sunkist-affiliated citrus packinghouses in the San Joaquin Valley.

A few cherry tomatoes and other types of vegetables are moving to market while fall squash, sugar peas, sweet corn, tomatoes and cucumbers in second crops are making satisfactory growth.



THE FARM TRIBUNE CAMERA AT THE 1976 TULARE COUNTY FAIR

15 Contestants Seek Veterans' Queen Title

PORTERVILLE — Fifteen candidates for Veterans Day queen and Miss Porterville met Tuesday night at the Congregational church at a reception and general briefing on

the contest which will be decided in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium on Oct. 14th. The reception was arranged by the queen co-chairwomen, Dovie Allen and Jeanine Hetherington.

Each girl has a sponsor who will be represented on the stage on selection night in the Auditorium. A queen, a senior princess, and three attendants will be chosen from among the 15 contestants.

The annual bicycle races will be held at Porterville High school on Saturday, Nov. 6th touching off the big Veterans Day celebration in Porterville. The races are held under the direction of Bob Barnes of Roche school. Trophies are awarded in several categories. Eighty-five bicyclists participated last year, and Barnes expects this number to increase.

Leo Repp, of the American Legion, was named to the Veterans Homecoming Committee by Commander Ray Schwab to replace Ed Matway who resigned. The committee is always composed of an equal number of members of the Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2001.

Olene Burkhart, parade secretary reported 26 entries for the parade which is ahead of last year's entries at this time. There have been a number of requests for entry cards from individuals and groups who have not participated in the past and consequently were not on the mailing list for entry forms.

Chairman Ed Flory told the committee that he has negotiated successfully with the Fair Board for the Municipal Ball Park as a carnival site. The committee meets again Monday, Oct. 4 in Legion Hall.

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Signed Richard W. Merritt.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on August 27, 1976.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

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By June Kent, Deputy
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF TULARE No. 24850

Estate of **WILLIAM WALTER SHELTON**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California 93257 which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

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County's 4-H Units Observe National 4-H Week, Oct. 3-9

VISALIA — Nearly 2,000 young people in Tulare county will join 4-Hers across the country in the observance of National 4-H Week, October 3-9 with activities centering on the 1976 theme, "4-H - ROOM TO GROW," according to Georgene Werstler, 4-H Youth Advisor, University of California, Cooperative Extension Service.

National 4-H Week is set annually by the Cooperative Extension Service to draw attention to the values of 4-H as an informal, youth educational program that stresses development of practical skills, leadership and citizenship.

Four-H type work began as an effort to supplement classroom instruction with practical out-of-school learning experiences relevant to rural youth. Formal provision for "boys' and girls' club work" - later to be called 4-H, was made in the Smith-Leaver Act of 1914 which established the Extension Service. Four-H is a unique partnership involving youth, volunteer leaders, State Land Grant Universities, Federal, State, local government and the private sector.

Four-H continues to serve a large rural audience, but in recent years it has provided "learn-by-doing" experiences to a growing number of urban youth. Nearly 20% of 4-H members now live in suburbs and cities of more than 50,000 population.

The theme, "4-H - ROOM TO GROW" typifies the objective of 4-H. Like the clover grows, so do youth who are involved in 4-H. They grow mentally, physically, spiritually, as they set new goals and respond enthusiastically to new opportunities. The program encourages youth to grow as they pledge their heads to clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service and their health to better living.

The 4-H clubs throughout Tulare county will demonstrate their observance of National 4-H Week by setting up window and outdoor displays, and through

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Doug Schultz

Doug Schultz Completes Auction School

PORTERVILLE - Porterville FFA member, Doug Schultz, has just returned from Billings, Montana, where he underwent an intensified training course in auctioneering at the Western School of Auctioneering.

Doug, the son of Rosemary Schultz of Porterville, and Ken Schultz also of this city, is attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, majoring in Ag business management. He plans to work as an auctioneer throughout his college term.

Western College of Auctioneering is a nationally recognized auctioneering training center and Doug, having now completed the courses in auctioneering, public speaking and sale management, is now qualified to conduct auction sales and handle transactions in livestock, merchandise, real estate, and personal properties, such as dispersion sales.

Prairie Center Hears Summer Activity Reports

PRAIRIE CENTER - The Prairie Center 4-H club held its first meeting of the year early in September under Leah DePaoli, club president, with 63 club members, 16 leaders, 19 parents and one visitor present.

Ticket sales and contests for the sale of tickets to the coming annual 4-H Breakfast October 2, were discussed with ideas of a swim party for those selling tickets and "Best Sellers" prizes for those who sold the most tickets.

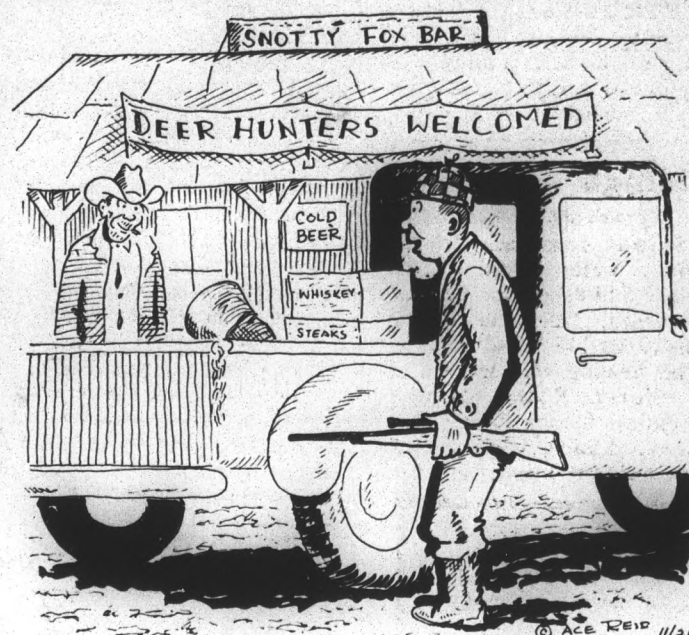
After reading of correspondence by Peaches Rowell and Mike Rowell, summer activities were discussed by Leah DePaoli, Todd Sammann, Jodi Sammann, Becky Fuller, Mike Veeman, and Pam Oxford.

Mrs. David Noel presented the goals for the coming year and urged parents to get involved in 4-H activities to make them successful. She showed a film strip on 4-H activities.

Walnut crops continue to look good with no appreciable damage from insects or disease.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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Kiwanis Kapers Tickets Moving

PORTERVILLE — Tickets are going fast to the 1976 Kiwanis Kapers professional variety show set to take the stage of the Porterville Memorial

Hearings . . .

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Macdonald, consultant to the assembly water committee, at Room 5119, State Capitol, Sacramento, California 95814; phone (916) 445-6164.

The hearing will be held in the Sierra Room of the Convention Center at 303 East Acequia, Visalia beginning at 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day.

auditorium at 8 p.m. Thursday, October 5.

Headlining such notables as Jo Ann Castle, the rinky-tink piano player of the Lawrence Welk show; Nick Lucas, the singing troubador; Jana-Lou, a fiddler, singer and top flight entertainer; Ben Wrigley, of the Ed Sullivan show and other major engagements; and the Golden Gate Dancers, four lovely ladies with sparkling feet; the show promises to be one of the best ever.

Tickets are available at Toppers Jewelers, from any Kiwanis club of Porterville member, or at the door, with proceeds earmarked for Kiwanis youth activities programs.

Juvenile Commission Meeting Scheduled

VISALIA — A public meeting of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention commission is set for 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, at the Juvenile division of the probation department, 200 N.W. 3rd Street, Visalia. Interested persons are invited to attend.

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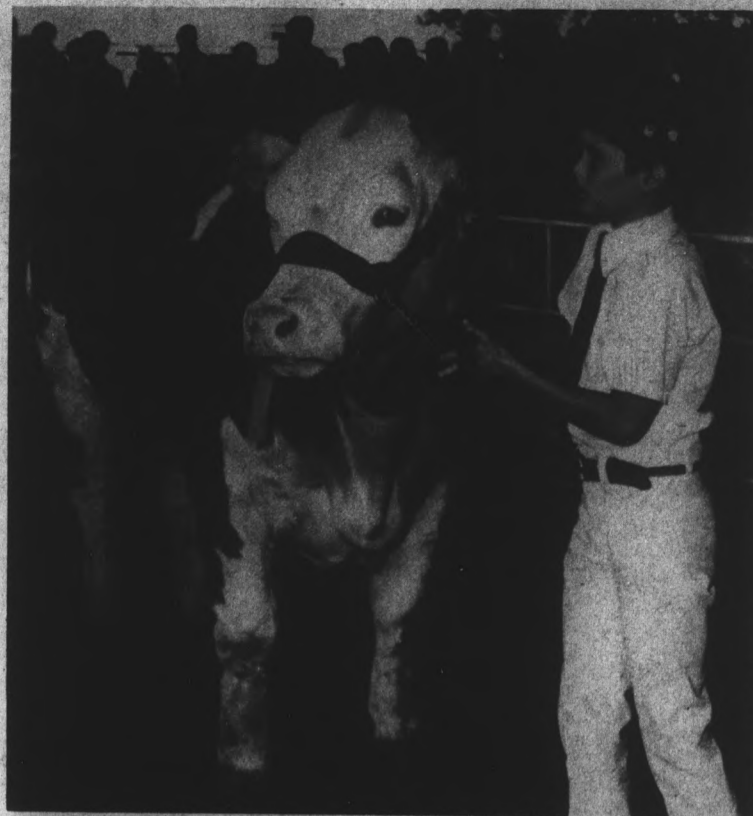
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TOP LIVESTOCK among that shown at the Tulare County Fair this year included local winners Gordon Woods, Vandalia 4-H, at top, with 4-H reserve champion steer, and at bottom, Deldra Buckner, Monache FFA, with her FFA champion lamb.

(Farm Tribune photos)

Local College Schedules Day For Admissions

PORTERVILLE — Representatives from more than 25 California public and private four-year colleges and universities are expected to participate in Porterville college's first annual Admissions Day, Friday, Oct. 8.

During the special day, which will be held from 9 a.m. through noon in the Student Union Mall, representatives from the various institutions will be on-hand to present information on their schools and how students may transfer to them.

Among the subjects discussed will be admissions policies and deadlines, fees and programs and services available.

The special admissions day is open to all college and high school students.

Fair . . .

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Assemblyman Gordon Duffy purchased the 4-H reserve champion beef of Gordon Woods of Vandalia 4-H for 70 cents per pound.

Katherine Moench of Vandalia 4-H sold her reserve grand champion hog to TP Enterprises of Tulare, for \$1.50 per pound while the grand champion hog owned by Renee Nunes of Waukena, sold for \$2.25 per pound.

The grand champion lamb brought \$3.40 per pound while Joe Calder of Prairie Center 4-H sold the reserve grand champion lamb at \$3.25 per pound for a total of \$331.50 from Hurtz Propane Service of Strathmore.

The fair this year included a wide variety of activity to suit every taste including motorcycle races, a destruction derby, live bands, stage shows, tractor pulls, exhibits of just about everything from farm machinery to canned goods, art work, animals, birds, plants, flowers, and varied crafts, a big carnival, and concession booths of every type.

In the tractor pull, the lone placer from this area was Steve Milnesio of Strathmore, who rated sixth in the 9,000 pound stock class.

Among the shows, the final evening included a performance by Porterville talent before an audience of some 300 persons who gave the show a standing ovation at its conclusion. The fast paced presentation included Buck Shaffer and his Fabulous Studio band, the Hogan dancers, the Horseshoe Bender band, quartet from the local Mineral Kings Barbershop Chorus, Brumley's chorus of Porterville high school, and the Plano 4-H flag corps. Bill Rodgers served as MC of the local show which was themed on bicentennial memories.

Fair officials termed the overall fair a big success and immediately began turning their attention to next year's action to make the coming event even bigger and better.

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